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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE LIBRARY

Newsletter

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January/February 1934

At the January meeting of the library staff Mr. T. Weed Harvey, in charge of the Office of Business Management of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, gave a talk on the recent changes in the organization of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. At the February staff meeting, a talk was given by Dr. Rexford G. Tugwell, Assistant Secretary. The staff much appreciated the references he made to the help of the Library in the recent work of the Department.

The Library regrets to announce that the money for books and periodicals for this fiscal year is now exhausted. Additional purchases can be made only in case there are cancellations of previous orders for items which cannot be supplied by July 1. The fund for the purchase of books and periodicals for this year was reduced by approximately one-third.

Nearly all of the tables in the Reference Room of the main Library have been in use recently by workers from two different offices who have been engaged on Civil Works Administration projects, namely, the translators from the Division of Forest Pathology of the Bureau of Plant Industry who are using dictionaries and other reference books, and the soil erosion workers who are looking up soil binding plants. The latter have been getting their references to specified plants largely from the botanical card catalogue.

The work of reading the Library shelves, which has been one of the Civil Works Administration projects of the Library, is nearly completed. In the course of the work the readers of the shelves have found much material in bad condition as to binding. They have taken such publications from the shelves for consideration by the Library staff. This has made much extra work for the regular staff but it was work which was much needed to be done.

The "binding drive" is now at an end as the Library has used all of this year's binding allotment. The time of the Binding Section is therefore now devoted for the most part to handling the large number of books which are being returned from the Government Printing Office.

The revised edition of the Library's classification has now been received, and copies are available to members of the staff who have use for it.

The Library School of the University of North Carolina will visit the main Library on March 29, from 4 to 6 p. m. The Acting Director of the School is Miss Susan Grey Akers. This is the first visit of the Library School to Washington. Members of the staff who would be interested in meeting Miss Akers and the Library School students are invited to come to the Library after 4:30.

"Agricultural Economics, a selected list of references", compiled by Mary G. Lacy, Librarian of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, has been revised by Miss Olcott and has been issued as Agricultural Economics Bibliography No. 1 (Revised January, 1934).

The "Bibliography on land settlement with particular reference to small holdings and subsistence homesteads", compiled by Louise O. Bercaw, A. M. Hannay, and Esther M. Colvin, has been sent to Dr. Merrill's office for editing before going to the printer. The index is now being made and will follow shortly.

In January the Division of Statistics of the Farm Credit Administration, sent Mrs. Martin to the library of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics to see what could be done in getting data for yields of field crops by counties for all states from 1920 to date. By using the index to Agricultural Economics Bibliography No. 38, "List of State serial publications containing material on agricultural economics", Mrs. Martin was able with the help of Mr. Keller to select the publications which contained the county material she wanted. By working in the library and in a room nearby with several clerks every day for about four weeks she accomplished in a comparatively short time what would have taken much longer without the aid of this bibliography.

The Bureau of Public Roads library has prepared a "List of bibliographies compiled in the Library, United States Bureau of Public Roads". This is something long recognized as desirable but finally started at the request of the Tennessee Valley Authority. The list, which is typewritten, includes not only mimeographed bibliographies but also informal lists of references, prepared in answer to requests for information. The entries are arranged by subjects. The bibliographies themselves have been filed in ring binders under these same subjects, where they are available for use and form a record of this phase of the work of the library. The list can hardly be used as a check list for the purpose of procuring these bibliographies since in many cases there exists only the file copy of the bibliography.

The Bureau of Public Roads library has also prepared the following bibliography: A study of wind velocities in relation to natural and artificial snow fences. Jan. 1934. 2 p.

Mr. Shoichi Nagai, Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and Professor of Agricultural Economics in the Imperial University of Kyoto in Tokyo, Japan, is spending several months in the United States. He is spending a good part of his time in the library of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics library where he is making a study of American agricultural policies.

Dr. Jan Dokladal of the University of Brno, Czechoslovakia, has also spent much time in the Bureau of Agricultural Economics library recently. He has expressed great enthusiasm about the bibliographies and Agricultural Economics Literature, and ended by saying "You make it very easy to study here." His comparison of agricultural economists in the United States with those in Europe was interesting. He said "In Europe agricultural economists sit in a chair and study. In the United States they study but they also do." As he is an agricultural economist himself his remarks contained no sting for his fellow workers. Dr. Dokladal was greatly interested, when he handed in

his card, to have it noted that he was from Brno, the home of Gregor Mendel, and quite delighted when he was shown an article written by Secretary Wallace about the place where Mendel lived and worked.

Other recent users of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics library were Dr. and Mrs. Naum Jasny, formerly of Berlin. Dr. Jasny was connected with the Institut für Landwirtschaftliche Marktforschung. He has now joined the staff of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. His wife, also an economist known under the name Marie Philippi for her articles on grain standardization, is writing an article for the Journal of Farm Economics on land settlement in Germany. Both are frequent visitors to the library.

Mr. Dorris A. Brown is the new library aid in the library of the Bureau of Chemistry and Soils. He takes the place of Mr. Edward P. Cunningham who came to the Loan Desk of the main Library the first of the year. Mr. Brown began work on January 9.

Mr. Francis Davis has been appointed to the position of messenger in the Office of Experiment Stations library left vacant by the resignation of Mr. Santo Pappalardo who has taken a better position in the Farm Credit Administration.

Under conditions which exist at present, the transportation of books to and from the main Library is a greater problem even than it has been in past years, as a large number of the books are being returned by truck and unfortunately truck drivers handle the books with little care. It will therefore be greatly appreciated if the bureau libraries will see that the books are as well protected as possible. When workers of the bureaus have a large number of references to look up, it would also be appreciated if the librarians would encourage them to consult the books in the main Library.

In view of the fact that the order cards for books are a permanent record of the Library's book purchases, it is desirable that they be uniform in so far as possible. If, therefore, each bureau will follow the procedure outlined below, this will be most helpful: Type all cards; space all items on the card in accordance with the designations thereon, that is, place the author's name under the word author, the title under the word title, the edition under the word edition, etc; specify number of volumes only if there is more than one volume; give main paging, if known, in space below "no. of vols."; place reasons for recommendation on back of card; sign card in space provided, and give name of bureau.

Many publications are sent to the main Library from bureau libraries with no notation as to the bureau sending them or the reason they are sent. It will be a great help if, when sending these publications to the main Library, a note is placed on them stating from what bureau they are sent, whether they are duplicates not wanted in the bureau library, whether it is desired to have them catalogued and returned to the bureau, etc.

Very few contributions have been made to Agricultural Library Notes by members of the Library staff during the past few months. In handling publications please bear in mind any items which may not be seen by other agricultural library workers and which might be of interest to them.

Contributions are also desired for the Newsletter each month. Items on new appointments, new work undertaken, bibliographies completed or in preparation, visitors, etc., will be welcome.

This issue of the Newsletter was in charge of Mrs. Edna S. Suber of the main Library. The next issue will be in charge of Miss Mildred Benton of the Division of Cotton Marketing Library, Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE LIBRARY

Newsletter

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April, 1934

A most interesting and instructive talk was given by Mr. Jay N. Darling, new Chief of the Bureau of Biological Survey, at the meeting of the Library staff on April 26.

The Civil Works Administration workers assigned to the main Library have ended their work, five of them leaving on April 17 and the remaining five on April 28. Following is a brief summary of the work accomplished: (1) Cards were made for the bulletins of the following State experiment stations: New York State, Cornell, Ohio, and Wisconsin. Manuscript cards for these station bulletins have been placed in the Library catalogue and a copy of each has been kept so that they are available for printing later if the Library of Congress should ever think it advisable to print them; (2) cards were made for 3474 reprints which had been accumulating for several years. Geographical statistics of the reprints for which cards were made are as follows: Bohemian, 24; Danish, 4; Dutch, 70; French, 192; German, 584; Hungarian, 13; Italian, 55; Japanese, 15; Norwegian, 23; Polish, 31; Portuguese, 5; Russian, 13; Spanish, 14; Swedish, 19; English, 2412; (3) practically all the shelves were read, and the files of charges at the Loan Desk were read to ascertain whether any cards were out of place. The collection of farm bureau publications were arranged, and also the second set of experiment station publications; (4) approximately 4000 leather bound volumes were oiled; (5) two of the workers helped in the miscellaneous work connected with the binding drive by removing staples and advertising pages, making book cards, and pasting labels.

Without exception the CWA workers did their work well and took great interest in it.

The books which were rushed to the Bindery during the fall and winter are now coming back and are nearly swamping the Bindery Section, the Catalogue Division, and the Loan Desk as they come. However, it is very pleasant to see them in their fresh covers and the Library will present a much better appearance, in some parts, at least.

The Library School of Hampton Institute, Virginia, visited the main Library on April 19.

Among the recent visitors to the Library of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics was Mr. Kenneth Binns, Librarian of the Commonwealth Parliament and National Library of Canberra, Australia. Mr. Binns has been spending some time at the Library of Congress and other government libraries studying their methods.

Miss Emily L. Day, Librarian of the Division of Cotton Marketing Branch Library of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, addressed the Field Investigation Section of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration on April 4, regarding the work of the Library.

The Bureau of Public Roads Library has added to its stacks sixty feet of wooden shelving made in the Mechanical Shops of the Department. This relieves temporarily the extreme congestion in the 280's, 289's and 290.9's.

In the Library of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, the bibliography entitled "The American farm problem; a selected list of books published in the United States on the economic status of the farmer and measures for his relief since 1920" has been brought up to date and mimeographed stencils are now being cut. The index to "Bibliography on land settlement with particular reference to small holdings and subsistence homesteads", compiled by L. O. Bercaw, A. M. Hannay, and E. M. Colvin, will be sent to the Government Printing Office as soon as the page proof is returned.

In the Division of Cotton Marketing Branch Library of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, the following typed bibliographies and lists have been prepared: History of the roller gin: a selected list of references. Compiled by Mildred C. Benton. 2 p.; Some references on chemistry in the cotton industry. Compiled by Mildred C. Benton. 2 p.; Periodicals relating to cotton received in the Division of Cotton Marketing. 5 p; Foreign competition with American cotton: selected list of recent references (1932-1934) in English. Compiled by Emily L. Day. 9 p.; Japanese cotton industry: selected list of references. Compiled by Emily L. Day.

The List of Bulletins of the Agricultural Experiment Stations for the Calendar Years 1931 and 1932, prepared by Miss Catherine E. Pennington of the Office of Experiment Stations, and published as Miscellaneous Publication No. 181 of the Department, was recently received from the Government Printing Office.

New appointments in the main Library are Mr. Richard D. Wellman, who will assist at the Loan Desk, and Mr. William L. Smith, a junior messenger. Mr. Wellman was formerly with the Library, having resigned November 30, 1932, to take up field work for the Bureau of Animal Industry.

Miss Rachel Lane, who has been detailed by the Bureau of Plant Industry to the Division of Cotton Marketing Branch Library of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, for the past three years to assist with cotton literature, has been transferred to the Agricultural Adjustment Administration and detailed to the Library of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Miss Virginia Bishop has been loaned by the Bureau of Plant Industry to assist the Division of Cotton Marketing Branch Library for the present.

A small shipment of the stack columns arrived a few days ago and is temporarily stored in the court. In one respect this seems most encouraging, but on the other hand, possession of the stack space by the Library is not yet imminent.

This issue of the Newsletter was in charge of Miss Mildred C. Benton, of the Division of Cotton Marketing Branch Library, Bureau of Agricultural Economics. The next issue will be in charge of Mrs. Mamie F. Nystrom, Librarian, Bureau of Home Economics.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE LIBRARY

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July/October 1934

At the meeting of the Library staff held on July 9, talks were given by members of the staff who attended the meetings of the Special Libraries Association in New York, June 19-23, and the American Library Association in Montréal, June 25-30. Miss Mary F. Carpenter and Miss Emily L. Day attended the former meeting and Miss Jessie M. Allen, Miss Cora L. Feldkamp, Miss Emma B. Hawks, and Miss Mary F. Carpenter attended the latter.

At the staff meeting on October 25, Dr. Atherton Seidell, of the National Institute of Health, gave a talk on the photographic reproduction of scientific publications.

Snead & Company began work in the Library stack room early in July and the stacks are now nearing completion. The floors have been laid and the cases are being placed in position.

On July 9 at 9 a. m., the Bureau of Entomology & Plant Quarantine Library started moving into rooms 1417-1431 of the South Building and the moving was completed July 11. These rooms were vacated by the Bindery Section of the main Library which was moved to rooms 1438-1448.

On July 11, the Bureau of Dairy Industry Library began moving into Room 1066-1070 of the South Building. The mail and file room of the Bureau, which had been under the supervision of the Bureau Librarian, was separated from the library and placed under the supervision of Miss Mildred Williford. The previous day, the herd and stud books which had been filed in Building F in the Library of the Animal Husbandry Division of the Bureau of Animal Industry, were moved to the Bureau of Dairy Industry Library space where they will remain until a permanent place can be provided for them in the new stack room of the main Library. Because the headquarters of many of the registry associations which published the herd and stud books were recently destroyed in the stockyards in Chicago, the Department's sets of the books have become still more valuable and it was considered wise to move them at once to a fireproof building.

On July 18 the main Library was requested to vacate Rooms 1919 and 1921 in order that Grain Futures Administration might move into them. In the afternoon of that day the material which had been stored in rooms 0067-0073 was moved to rooms 0068-0070 and the steel cases and books were then moved from rooms 1919 and 1921 to rooms 0067-0073.

On August 2, the Bureau of Agricultural Engineering Library began moving into Room 2252 of the South Building and the moving was completed at noon on August 4.

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library has recently been moved again, and the rearrangement of the books and the expansion of the collection in the new stacks is still in progress. The library released a number of rooms to the Mails and Files Division of the Bureau but was assigned more space in order to make it possible to remove the green wooden cases from the top of the steel stacks where they were placed when the library was moved from the Bieber Building. The green wooden cases were removed to make possible the installation of electric lights in the stacks. The library has previously had no lighting in the stacks. Although the library actually has more floor space, its holdings have actually been reduced by over a thousand books which were returned to the main Library. The loan desk is located in room 3434 and the periodical desk in room 3439.

In the Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library the following bibliographies have recently been issued: "Bibliography on land settlement with particular reference to small holdings and subsistence homesteads", compiled by Louise O. Bercaw, Annie M. Hannay, and Esther M. Colvin, and issued as Miscellaneous Publication no. 172 of the Department; "State measures for the relief of agricultural indebtedness in the United States, 1933 and 1934", compiled by Margaret T. Olcott and Louise O. Bercaw, and issued as Agricultural Economics Bibliography no. 53.

In the Office of Experiment Stations Library, the checklists of extension publications are in the process of being brought up to date, that is, through the year 1933. Thus far the lists from Alabama through Hawaii have been completed. The library has also prepared the following selected lists of references: Meats: Canning and Curing. 6 p. ; Celery: Production and Marketing. 6 p.

Members of the Office of Experiment Stations staff who had been housed in Building C during the past year, moved back to the South Building on July 16. This was cause for rejoicing in the Library of the Office, as its work had been greatly hampered by the separation.

The Forest Service Library is taking over the library of the Forest Taxation Inquiry which has just completed its final report. Mrs. Florence McGindley and Miss Marguerite M. O'Neil have been detailed from the Inquiry to assist in this work.

Since the last meeting of the Library staff, the main Library has lost from its force Mr. Richard D. Wellman, a clerk, and Mr. William E. Smith, a messenger. Mr. Wellman was transferred to the Internal Revenue Bureau and Mr. Smith to the Bureau of Chemistry. Mr. Dorris Brown, library aid in the Bureau of Chemistry Library, has been appointed to the position vacated by Mr. Wellman. He will report for duty on November 1. Mr. Walter M. Norris, of Kentucky, has been appointed to the position vacated by Mr. Smith. The Library has three other new assistants, Mr. William E. Jordan, Junior Library Assistant, Mr. Cosby Brinkley, Library Aid, and Mr. John Henry Coy, Messenger. Mr. Jordan, who is a graduate of the New York State College of Agriculture and of the Pratt Institute Library School, is at present assisting in the Catalogue Division. Mr. Brinkley and Mr. Coy are in the Readers' Division.

There have also been several new library appointments in the bureaus. Miss Melissa Speer has joined the Forest Service library staff on a temporary appointment of six months. She is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma and for the past four years has been librarian of the Bureau of Mines in San Francisco. Miss Isabelle T. Farnum has been appointed by the Division of Cotton and Other Fiber Crops and Diseases of the Bureau of Plant Industry to assist with the compilation of Cotton Literature and with other work of the library of the Division of Cotton Marketing, Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Only July 31, Francis Davis resigned his position as messenger in the Office of Experiment Stations and returned to Texas to enter North Texas Agricultural College at Arlington. His position has been filled by Irwin Blum of Brooklyn, New York.

Mrs. Mildred B. Williams, of Denver, Colorado, has been appointed Regional Librarian of the U. S. Forest Service, Region 4, and the Inter-mountain Forest Experiment Station. Mrs. Williams is a graduate of the St. Louis Library School and has served both in the St. Louis Public Library and in the University of New Mexico Library.

After a year's furlough, Mrs. Edith J. Webb returned to her work, on July 1, in the Office of Experiment Stations Library. Mrs. Webb has charge of the state agricultural extension publications.

Several members of the Library staff have recently been married. In the main Library, Mr. John P. Carr was married on August 27 to Miss Mary Garges; on September 3, Mr. Edward P. Cunningham was married to Miss Elma Lou Kitchen; and on October 20 Miss Marion V. Voigt was married to Mr. Bennett Swenson. In the Office of Experiment Stations Library, Mr. George Winkle was married on July 12 to Miss Gertrude Magill.

Among the out of town visitors to the main Library during the summer were the following: Mr. C. R. H. Taylor, Librarian, Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington, New Zealand; Dr. Albert C. Myers, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Historical Commission; Prof. W. H. Stephenson and Prof. Edwin A. Davis of the Louisiana State University, who spent the week beginning September 6 working in the Library; Prof. M. F. Miller of the University of Missouri; and Mr. R. H. Hill, Secretary to the Librarian of the Bodleian Library. In the Library of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Mr. Rupert B. Vance, author of "Human Factors in Cotton Culture", spent some time during July.

Miss E. Maude Stone, Regional Librarian of the U. S. Forest Service, Region 6, Portland, Oregon, spent from July 9 to July 14 in Washington on detail to the Forest Service Library. Miss Stone attended the A. L. A. Conference at Montreal where she made an address before the Business Libraries Section on "Books on forestry and forest products for public libraries".

Due to the accumulation of work in the Binding Section of the main Library, it was necessary to ask the bureau libraries to withhold all requests for binding until March, except in urgent cases.

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The next meeting of the Library staff will be held November 13, from 4:45 to 5:45 p.m., in the Department Auditorium. A talk will be given by Mr. H. N. Wheeler, Chief Lecturer of the Forest Service, on "The lure of the forest". A motion picture entitled "Forest and men" will also be shown, depicting the CCC camp work. Since the meeting is to be held in the Department Auditorium, members of the staff may invite their friends.

Program Committee:

Miss Helen Moore, Chairman

Mrs. Hazel B. Mercier

Miss Mildred A. Wilson

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE LIBRARY

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November 1934

The November meeting of the Library Staff of the Department was held Tuesday afternoon, November 13, in the Department Auditorium. Mr. H. N. Wheeler, Chief Lecturer of the Forest Service, gave a most interesting talk, illustrated by slides, on "The Lure of the Forest". After the talk, a motion picture entitled ~~"Forest and Men"~~, was shown, depicting the CCC camp work.

The moving of the Bureau of Plant Industry Library was accomplished on September 25, the new location being rooms 1065, 1067 and 1069 in the South Building. The space is about the same as that formerly occupied in the West Wing of the Administration Building but the supply cases which were kept in the hall in the West Wing have had to be placed inside the new rooms. Storage space in the basement of the South Building has been given for a few cases and supplies of mimeographed publications which could not be accommodated on the first floor. The new quarters are very satisfactory and the Bureau library finds it is most convenient to be so near the main Library and the many divisions of the Bureau located in the South Building.

The Library of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics has maintained a large Pamphlet Collection and Association File, both of which have grown very much in the past year due to the New Deal material which is handled by the Library. At present these two files are being combined and new folders are being made. For the first time in the history of the Bureau Library, the file is being thoroughly weeded out and a new and better system is being devised to handle the great quantity of material which is being received and all of which is necessary for the successful handling of requests for information which come daily to the Library. Much of the material is catalogued fully in the Bureau Library and also an author card may be found in the main Library's catalogue.

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Study of the subject of transportation is stimulated by the fact that regulation of motor carriers and coordination of transportation are expected to be among the major subjects for consideration by the incoming Congress. Recently, the Assistant Director of the Bureau of Railway Economics and one of his assistants spent the better part of a day at the Library of the Bureau of Public Roads, and one of the research men from the Federal Coordinator's office also recently spent ten days in the Library.

The University of Chicago will offer three fellowships of \$1,000 each for the academic year 1935-1936 in its Graduate Library School. The fellowships are awarded by the President on the recommendation of the Committee on Fellowships and Scholarships. Applications must be in the hands of the Dean of the Graduate Library School on or before March 1, 1935. The following attainments are required: (a) The possession of a Bachelor's degree equivalent, or approximately equivalent, to that conferred by leading colleges and universities; (b) completion of at least one year in an accredited library school, or the equivalent in experience; (c) at least one year of library experience under approved conditions. In addition to the above requirements, special consideration will be given to publications and manuscripts showing ability on the part of candidates to conduct original studies. Forms to be used in making application for admission and for fellowships may be obtained by writing the Graduate Library School, The University of Chicago.

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Miss Marjorie F. Warner, who retired last June, returned to Washington the latter part of October and is spending some time at the Department working on her Check List of Early Horticultural Literature. Miss Jance S. Brown is assisting Miss Warner while she is on this work.

Mrs. Anna McCabe, of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library, has returned to her work after a serious illness. Mr. Nicholas Zill has been appointed as an assistant in the Bureau Library. Lewis Morse, who for a number of years served as messenger in the Bureau Library, resigned to accept a position in the State Department on November 13. His place has been filled by the appointment of Fred Graue.

A bibliography entitled "Price analysis: selected references on the theoretical aspects of supply and demand curves and related subjects, compiled by Louise O. Bercaw of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library, was published in the Econometrica Journal of the Econometric Society, v. 2, no. 4, October, 1934. This list is a revision and enlargement of the first section of a bibliography on "Price analysis: selected references on supply and demand curves and related subjects" issued by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library in September, 1933, as Agricultural Economics Bibliography no. 48.

"Golden Anniversary of the Association of Official Agricultural Chemists, 1884-1934" is the title of a pamphlet recently issued by the Association. Separate photographs of sixty-six officers of the Association are included, also a group photograph of chemists at the annual meeting in August, 1887.

A revised edition of the "List of subject headings used in the catalog of the Forest Service Library, has recently been issued. There is also included a "General classification of forestry literature" as compiled by C. F. Korstian, A. B. Recknagel, and John M. Briscoe, 1923.

The fiftieth anniversary meeting of the American Historical Association will be held December 27, 28 and 29 in Washington, at the Mayflower Hotel. Among the interesting exhibits which will be on display in the lobby of the Hotel throughout the three days of the meeting will be apparatus for reproducing research materials, presented by the Joint Committee on Materials for Research of the American Council of Learned Societies and the Social Science Research Council.

A "Classification Scheme of Agricultural Science", by Dr. Sigmund von Frauendorfer, Librarian of the International Institute of Agriculture, has just been published by the Institute.

Miss Barnett attended the opening of South Hall, the new library building of Columbia University, November 30, and the conference of Eastern Librarians the following day.

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NEWS NOTES

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THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

CHICAGO, ILL.

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter of the purchase of the land for the University of Chicago. I am sorry to hear that the matter is still unsettled. I have been very busy lately, and have not had time to devote to this matter. I am, however, very anxious to see the matter settled as soon as possible. I have been in communication with the Board of Trustees, and they are now considering the matter. I am sure that they will do what is best for the University. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours truly,
John D. Armitage

Very truly,
John D. Armitage

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